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Three Arrests Made in Connection with 11 Arson Fires

Livingston, LA- Louisiana State Fire Marshal Office along with the Livingston Police Department announced today the arrest of three persons who are believed to be responsible for setting 11 arson fires in the towns of Livingston and Holden.

This joint investigation has resulted in the arrest of Adam Church (dob 4-13-94), he was charged with 11 counts of simple arson, Colin Davis (dob 9-13-93) 4 counts of simple arson and Thomas Golder (dob 2-15-93) 2 counts of simple arson. The three are accused of setting fire to structures, grass areas, garbage dumpsters and one earth moving backhoe dating back to February 28, 2010. These fires caused more than \$100,000 in damage. They have all been booked into the Livingston Parish Jail. (List of Fire Scenes)

<u>Date of Fire</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of Fire</u>
Feb. 28, 2010	31265 Norred Rd. Holden, LA	Vacant Mobile Home
Feb. 28, 2010	31625 Pete Bankston Rd. Holden, LA.	Vacant W/Frame Residential
Apr. 24, 2010	La. Hwy. 1036 North of Holden, LA.	Vacant Mobile Homes
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Aug. 21, 2010	29655 Lard St. Holden, LA	Earth Moving Backhoe
Oct. 10, 2010	N. Doyle and C. Holden Rd. Holden, LA	Brush Fire
Feb. 6, 2011	30145 Pete smith Rd. Holden, LA.	Vacant W/Frame Residential
Aug. 29, 2011	N. Doyle and Hog Branch Hunting Club Rd.	Brush fire
Sept. 10, 2011	29731 Cedar St. Livingston, LA.	Vacant W/Frame Residential
Sept. 11, 2011	29285 S. Range Livingston, LA.	Trash Dumpster
Sept. 23, 2011	13914 Florida Blvd. Livingston, LA.	Trash Dumpster

Over the past year the State Fire Marshal's Office discovered an unusual pattern of intentionally set fires in this area and worked with the Livingston Police Department to develop suspects. It was determined that the persons accused were members of the Livingston Parish Fire District #6 Volunteer Fire Department and were responsible for these fires. Both Colin Davis and Thomas Golder were active members and Adam Church had been a Junior Firefighter until February, 2011. Adam Church is charged with responsibility in all of the fires. Colin Davis is connected with fires occurring on October 10, 2010, August 29, 2011, September 11, 2011 and September 23, 2011. Thomas Golder is connected with fires occurring on October 10, 2010 and August 29, 2011. Investigators suspect that the motive for setting these fires were to allow themselves to be the responders to them as a part of their duties as a volunteer firefighter.

Fire Marshal Browning stated, "These young people have violated the trust of the public and the thousands of first responders who protect our communities. None of them had a criminal history so there were no early warnings of this criminal behavior. I commend the local officials for recognizing a problem and having a quick means to remove these types of individuals from service. We will never tolerate public servants who break the law. Their actions do not represent the great work of the firefighters in this parish and state that proudly wear the uniform and save lives everyday".



Thomas Golder



Adam Church



Colin Davis

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